

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the first sentence of the application to read as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/601,573, filed August 4, 2000; which is a 35 USC § 371 application of International Application PCT/SE99/00128, filed 01 February 1999.--

Page 1, after the title, and after the newly inserted "Cross Reference to Related Applications", please insert the following headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--.

Page 1, between the first and second paragraphs, please insert the following heading:

--2. Description of the Related Art--.

Page 1, between the second and third paragraphs, please insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 1 to read as follows.

(Amended) Prefabricated floorboards which at their edges are provided with groove and tenon are well known nowadays. As these are very easy to install, it is possible for the normal handy man to achieve this. These type of floors can be constituted of massive wood, fibre board or particle board. These are often provided with a surface layer, such as lacquer or some sort of laminate. The boards are most often installed by gluing them together via their groove and tenon. It is desired to

join the separate boards so closely that the joint becomes practically invisible, which increases the moisture resistance radically. The usable life of the installed floor is hereby also increased. In order to achieve a tight joint, it is essential that glue is used excessively. The clearance in the joint will, therefore, have to be relatively large in order to be able to force the boards together without having to use special equipment due to the forces that would be needed otherwise. A too small clearance will cause a hydraulic resistance caused by the glue captured inside the groove during the joining. The clearance needed will, however, cause a random discrepancy in the levels between adjacent floorboards. This discrepancy in levels will lead to an increased wear at the joint and that moisture may penetrate the joint. The decorative wear layer, often constituted by lacquer or laminate, will hereby often be worn down closest to the joint. The wood fibre will, hereby, be naked closest to the joint, which, in addition to being unsightly, also may cause the fibres to swell when exposed to moisture. This causes the surface layer to rise closest to the edges whereby these edges will be exposed to further wear, which will decrease the useful life of the floor radically.

Page 2, between the fourth and fifth paragraphs, please insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 2, between the ninth and tenth paragraphs, please insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the second and third paragraphs on page 3 to read as follows.

(Amended) Figure 3, shows, in perspective view seen aslant from above, a second embodiment of a guiding means at a joint, according to the invention. The embodiment conforms

~~in the main~~ generally with the one described in connection to figure 1 and 2. The tenon 2 is, however, provided with guiding wedges arranged perpendicularly to the extension of the joint.

(Amended) Figure 4 shows, in perspective view seen aslant from above, a third embodiment of a guiding means at a joint, according to the invention. The embodiment is shown assembled. The embodiment corresponds ~~in the main~~ generally to the one described in connection to figure 1 and 2, the tenon 2 is, however, provided with guiding wedges 3 only at the lower side.